Statement-II

Major and medium ongoing projects of Rajasthan which are likely to be completed by end of VII Plan

Major Irrigation Projects:

1. Raising of Kota Barrage.

Medium Irrigation Projects:

1. Bhimsagar
2. Meja Feeder
3. Kothari
4. Wagon Diversion
5. Panchana
6. Som Kagdar
7. Bassi
8. Bilas
9. Sawan Bhadon
10. Parwan Lift.

Strikes in the Mills under National Jute Mills Corporation in West Bengal and Bihar

*494. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that workers in the mills attached to the National Jute Mills Corporation in West Bengal and Bihar were on a prolonged strike in January this year;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the strike had disrupted production schedules and also exports to the tune of several crores of rupees; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons therefor and how was it resolved?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) Workers in five units of National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) in West Bengal were on strike from 14-12-1987 to 24-2-1988. Workers in the Bihar unit of NJMC had not joined the strike.

(b) Yes, Sir. The strike had disrupted the production schedule of the NJMC units in West Bengal and delayed delivery of confirmed export commitments worth around Rs. 10 crores.

(c) The strike was sequal to workers' demand for interim relief which was not extended to workers of public Sector Undertakings where region-cum-industry wise tripartite wage agreements existed. The strike has been withdrawn on the basis of an interim settlement arrived at between the workers and the management.

Haryana Assembly Resolution Pertaining to National Flag

*495. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Haryana State Assembly has adopted a resolution urging Parliament to restrain political parties from using any resembling the National Flag by making it a penal offence under the Insult to National Honours Act, 1971; and

(b) if so, whether the Central Government propose to introduce a Bill in Parliament to this effect?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The matter was examined in depth even in 1978 when the Janata Government was in power and the view then taken was that the National Flag originated in the Congress Flag. The latter cannot therefore be regarded as an imitation of the National Flag. It was decided not to pursue such a proposal.

Printing of Plastic Currency Notes

*496. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have any proposal to print plastic currency notes; and